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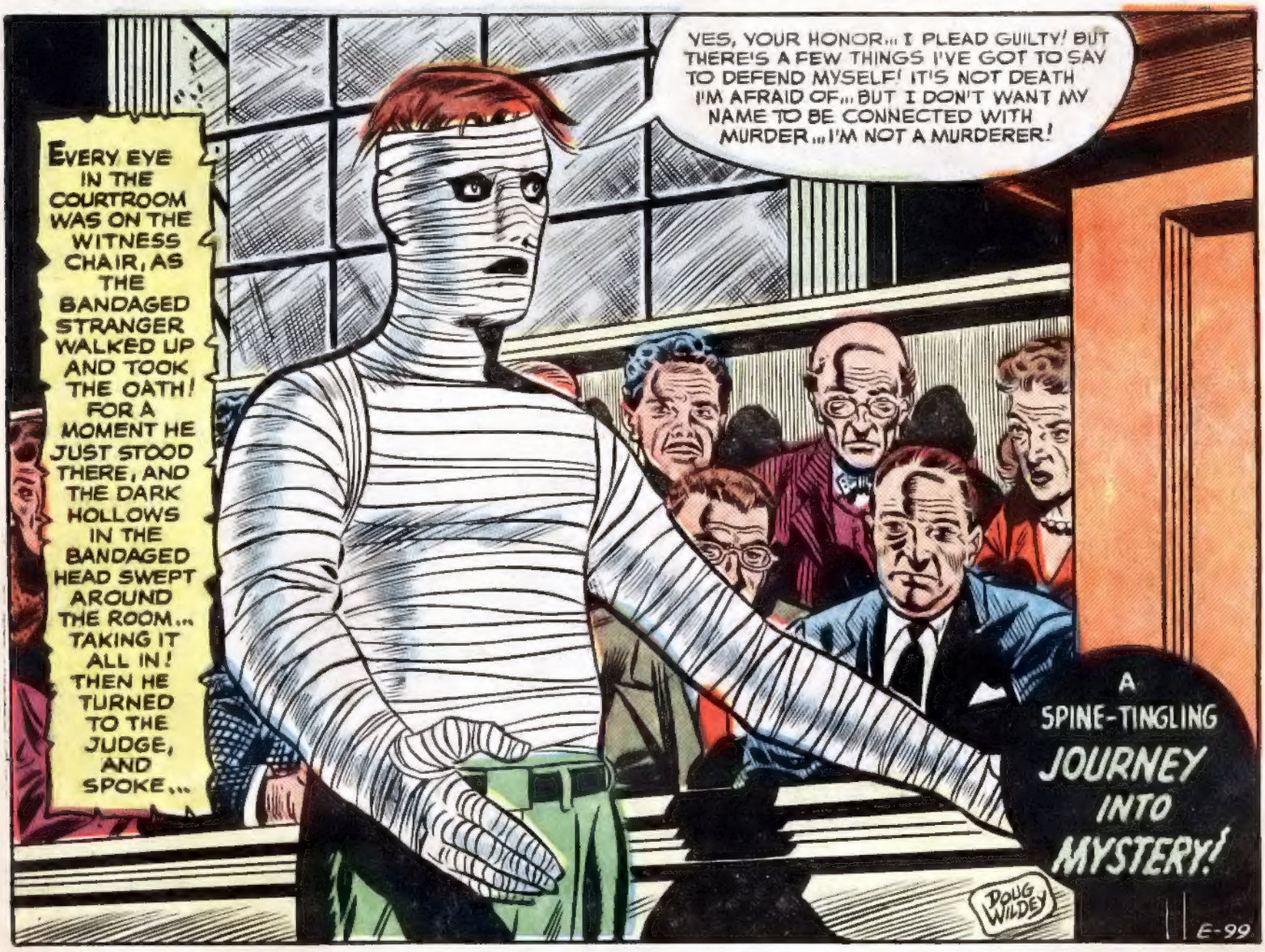
FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE IN VAMPIRES, EH? WELL, FEAST YOUR EYES ON THIS WEIRDIE... AND MAYBE YOU'LL THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU LAUGH AT THE MAN WHO TELLS YOU A...

VAMPIRE TALE


EVERY EYE IN THE COURTROOM WAS ON THE WITNESS CHAIR, AS THE BANDAGED STRANGER WALKED UP AND TOOK THE OATH! FOR A MOMENT HE JUST STOOD THERE, AND THE DARK HOLLOWS IN THE BANDAGED HEAD SWEPT AROUND THE ROOM... TAKING IT ALL IN! THEN HE TURNED TO THE JUDGE, AND SPOKE...
YES, YOUR HONOR... I PLEAD GUILTY! BUT THERE'S A FEW THINGS I'VE GOT TO SAY TO DEFEND MYSELF! IT'S NOT DEATH I'M AFRAID OF... BUT I DON'T WANT MY NAME TO BE CONNECTED WITH MURDER... I'M NOT A MURDERER!
A SPINE-TINGLING JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY!
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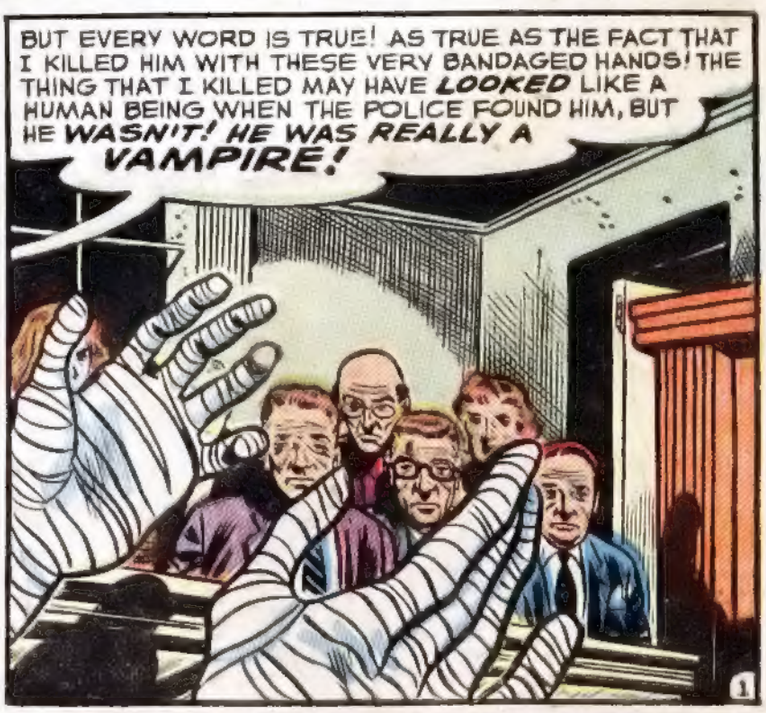
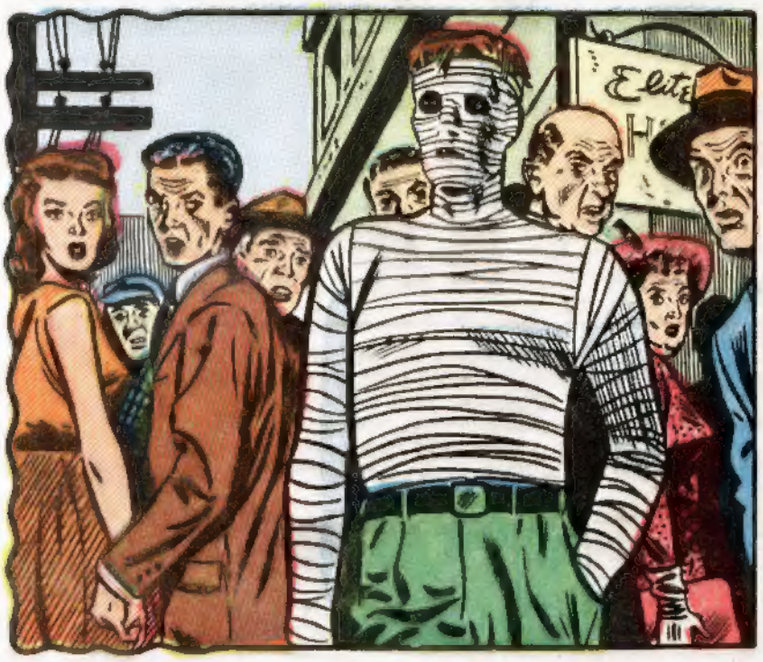
THERE'S NO WAY TO PROVE WHAT I'M SAYING! I'M A STRANGER IN YOUR TOWN AND YOU'VE JUST GOT TO TAKE MY WORD FOR IT! I KNOW IT'LL SOUND LIKE I'M A MADMAN WHEN I TELL YOU...


BUT EVERY WORD IS TRUE! AS TRUE AS THE FACT THAT I KILLED HIM WITH THESE VERY BANDAGED HANDS! THE THING THAT I KILLED MAY HAVE LOOKED LIKE A HUMAN BEING WHEN THE POLICE FOUND HIM, BUT HE WASN'T! HE WAS REALLY A VAMPIRE!

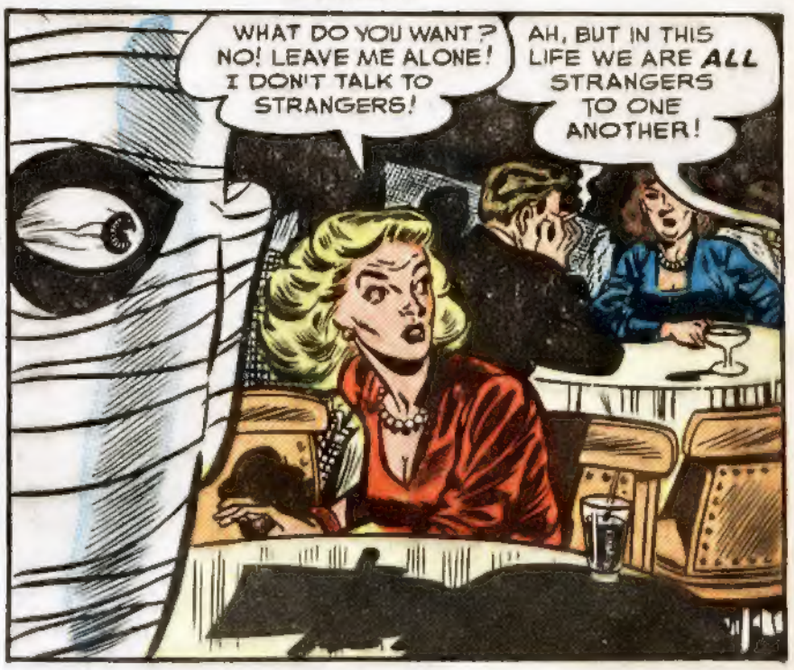
"IT WAS JUST A WEEK AGO THAT I CAME INTO THIS TOWN! EVERYONE NOTICED ME... PEOPLE AREN'T USED TO SEEING A GUY WANDERING AROUND ALL BANDAGED UP..."



"I HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE BIGGEST BAR IN TOWN, BECAUSE I KNEW THAT WAS WHERE *HE* USUALLY WENT FOR HIS VICTIMS..."

"I DIDN'T TELL THEM ANYTHING ABOUT MYSELF! I JUST WAITED THERE... I KNEW *HE* MADE IT A PRACTICE TO FIND PEOPLE WHO WERE ALONE, SO I SEARCHED AROUND UNTIL I SAW..."

"I JUST STOOD THERE WATCHING HER THROUGH THE MIRROR BEHIND THE BAR! THEN SUDDENLY, I SAW HER EXPRESSION CHANGE..."



GO AWAY! DON'T LOOK AT ME THAT WAY! I CAN'T STAND YOUR EYES!
SOON WE WILL BE GOOD FRIENDS, AND THEN YOU WILL COME WITH ME TO ANOTHER PLACE! FEW PEOPLE CAN RESIST ME! DON'T TRY TO STRUGGLE AGAINST MY POWER!

"IT WAS USELESS FOR HER TO RESIST THOSE HYPNOTIC EYES! IN A FEW MINUTES, HE GOT UP, AND SHE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO STOP HIM FROM TAKING HER ARM..."

"THERE WAS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT I HAD FOUND THE MAN I WAS LOOKING FOR! I KNEW WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT HE WAS A *VAMPIRE* ...AND THE GIRL WOULD BE DEAD UNLESS I COULD PREVENT IT!"

"I MOVED AS FAST AS I COULD! AND IN THE DARKNESS OF THE PARK I COULD SEE HIM ALREADY CHANGED FROM HIS HUMAN FORM TO THAT OF THE *VAMPIRE* BAT..."

I'VE GOT TO GET THERE BEFORE HE GETS AT HER!

"THEN I SAW LARGE WINGS SPREAD AND FLAP AGAINST THE STILL NIGHT AIR! HE WAS LEAVING HIS VICTIM, AND, I KNEW THAT COULD ONLY MEAN ONE THING..."

I'M TOO LATE! THERE'S NOTHING ANYONE CAN DO TO HELP HER NOW! THAT FILTHY VAMPIRE!

"I HAD TO MOVE QUICKLY IF I WAS TO CATCH HIM! I CUT A BRANCH FROM A LIVING ASH TREE, AND SHARPENED IT INTO A STAKE!"

"HE HAD NO IDEA HE WAS BEING FOLLOWED DOWN THAT DARK STREET! HE WAS TOO CONFIDENT OF HIMSELF... TOO SATED AND CONTENTED TO THINK THAT ANYTHING WAS WRONG..."

"HE SWUNG INTO A DARK ALLEY, AND I FOLLOWED! THEN FINALLY HE MUST HAVE SENSED MY PRESENCE, BECAUSE HE TURNED AND SWIFTLY STARTED TO CHANGE INTO HIS VAMPIRE FORM..."

I'VE GOT YOU CORNERED AT LAST! YOU WON'T ESCAPE ME!

"I GAVE HIM NO CHANCE... MERCY WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION! THE ONLY JUSTICE FOR SUCH A BLOOD-THIRSTY CREATURE WAS DEATH! AND SO I PLUNGED THE STAKE THROUGH HIS HEART..."

EEEEEE!

TOO BAD THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO KILL YOU, IGOR! THIS DEATH WILL BE MUCH TOO SWIFT FOR YOU!

"THEN THE POLICE CAME INTO THE ALLEY AND SAW ME STANDING OVER THE BODY! IN THE THROES OF DEATH, THE VAMPIRE HAD ASSUMED ITS HUMAN FORM, AND THE POLICE MISTOOK *ME* FOR A *MURDERER!*"

OKAY, BUDDY... GET YOUR HANDS UP QUICK! YOU'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER!

"I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY I SHOULD BE HELD LIKE A COMMON CRIMINAL FOR KILLING A VAMPIRE! I NEVER REALIZED THEY WOULD SEE ONLY HIS HUMAN FORM AND THINK I WAS LYING..."

BUT HE WAS A *VAMPIRE!* YOU'VE GOT TO *BELIEVE* ME!

YEAH, YEAH... YOU CAN TELL THAT TO A JURY!

POLICE

3RD PCT.

...AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY, YOUR HONOR! IT'S TRUE, EVERY WORD OF IT!

I OBJECT! THIS IS THE MOST FANTASTIC SERIES OF LIES I HAVE EVER HEARD TOLD IN A COURTROOM! IT'S AN INSULT TO THE INTELLIGENCE OF EVERY PERSON IN THIS ROOM!

MINUTES LATER, THE PROSECUTOR ADDRESSED THE JURY...

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY... I THINK YOU WILL ALL AGREE WITH ME THAT THIS VAMPIRE TALE IS THE MOST RIDICULOUS THING WE HAVE EVER HEARD!

IT IS ALL LIES... MERE FABRICATION TO COVER UP THE HORRIBLE MURDER OF TWO PEOPLE! I SAY THAT THIS MAN KILLED THE GIRL, AND THEN MURDERED THE MAN, AND HE DARES TO TELL US SUCH A FANTASTIC STORY!

AND THE MOTIVE OF THIS DOUBLE MURDER? IT WAS ROBBERY! AND FOR *THAT*, I SAY, *SEND HIM TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!*

NO! NO! IT'S NOT TRUE!

THE DEFENSE COUNSEL APPOINTED BY THE STATE GAVE ONLY A CURSORY SUMMATION... SUBMITTING HIS PLEA OF GUILTY, AND REQUESTING MERCY! THE JURY LISTENED IN STONY SILENCE, AND WHEN INSTRUCTED TO RETIRE FOR DELIBERATION, THE FOREMAN SAID...

THERE IS NO NEED TO GO OUT, YOUR HONOR ...WE HAVE REACHED OUR VERDICT!

THE PRISONER WILL RISE AND FACE THE JURY, AS THE VERDICT IS READ!

HOW DO YOU FIND THE DEFENDANT?

WE FIND HIM GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, AND RECOMMEND THAT HE DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!

NO! NO! YOU CAN'T DO THIS! YOU CAN'T SEND ME TO THE CHAIR! IT WASN'T ROBBERY, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT! YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME!

ORDER IN THE COURT! HOLD THAT MAN!

NOW, WILL THE PRISONER TELL US *WHY* WE HAVE TO BELIEVE HIM, WHEN THE JURY HAS DECIDED HE IS *GUILTY?*

YES, I'LL *SHOW* YOU WHY! I WON'T HAVE MY MEMORY DISGRACED BY SUCH AN ACCUSATION! I'M INNOCENT, AND THIS IS WHY...

LOOK CLOSELY, YOU FOOLS ...AND YOU'LL SEE THE *REAL* MOTIVE FOR THIS MURDER!

NOT ROBBERY, OR JEALOUSY! *NO!* SOMETHING *MUCH WORSE!*

THIS WAS A MURDER OF *VENGEANCE! REVENGE* FOR WHAT WAS DONE TO ME!

DO YOU SEE? YOU BLIND, STUPID FOOLS! LOOK AT ME AND YOU'LL KNOW WHY!

I CAME AFTER HIM BECAUSE HE WAS A VAMPIRE, AND *I* WAS ONE OF HIS VICTIMS LAST YEAR IN ST. LOUIS! HE ATTACKED ME... AND TOOK MY BLOOD... AND *MURDERED ME*...SO YOU *CAN'T ACCUSE ME OF ROBBERY!*

H...HE'S C-CRUMBLING AWAY...

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THE TRIAL WAS OVER! MANY PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THAT SESSION WERE SHOCKED INTO INSANITY, ESPECIALLY THE TWO GUARDS WHO WERE LEFT HOLDING ONLY A TWISTED, RAVELED LENGTH OF BANDAGE!

THE END

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THE CURSE

TOM BRADDOCK stopped his car just outside the driveway and stared up at the ruined old house. It was a forbidding place, built over two hundred years ago of granite blocks, and apparently never repaired since. It resembled a ruined old English castle more than it did an American country home.

"Certainly doesn't look like like much," Tom muttered to himself as he stepped out of his car and mounted the worn stone steps. "Maybe Uncle Mathias wasn't so dumb at that, if he really did take a run-out powder."

He rapped the old doorknocker smartly, but no one came to the door. Finally, Tom shoved the door, and was surprised to find it open. Gingerly, he stepped inside.

For a moment, the darkness and the musty odor frightened him. Then his groping hand found a light switch near the door.

"Whew!" Tom said, as the lights went on. "I'm glad the place has electricity!"

That was about all it did have, though, Tom found. The stone house was large enough to require the services of dozens of servants, but there was no one around. And, from the looks of things, Tom suspected no one had tried to clean the place in years.

At last he settled down in one of the rooms upstairs. "I'll worry about getting some servants out here tomorrow," he told himself. "First I'll get some sleep."

But Tom had trouble falling asleep. He kept remembering the words the lawyer had used when he had informed Tom of the disappearance of his uncle.

"Your uncle Mathias isn't the first person living in that house to vanish," Mr. Henderson had said. "According to the records, the house was built by an ancestor of yours before the Revolutionary War. Nobody ever knew how he made his fortune, but he was supposed to be very rich. He vanished one day, and his son took over the estate. *He* disappeared, too, and so has nearly every member of the family who lived in the house. There have been many investigations, but nothing was ever turned up. But I suppose your father must have told you all about this."

Tom had shaken his head. "Dad never mentioned the place he'd been raised. I knew it was some sort of family estate, but that's all. He wouldn't even talk about his older brother, Mathias. When Dad died, he tried to tell me something about a family curse, but I couldn't understand what he was saying. I don't put much stock in that sort of thing, anyhow."

The lawyer had shrugged. "In any case, Mr. Braddock, the estate now belongs to you. You can go down there any time you like, but I strongly suggest you be very careful . . ."

Now Tom rolled over in bed uneasily, remembering those words.

"This is silly," he told himself. "There's nothing in the house, so what can hurt me?" He chuckled, and finally fell asleep.

In the morning, he dressed and made himself a skimpy breakfast. Then he set off in his car to the nearest village.

When the townsfolk learned his name was Braddock, they began noticeably to avoid him. In the general store, as he ordered supplies, Tom asked the storekeeper, "What's wrong with me, Mr. Watson? People behave as if I have the plague."

The storekeeper shook his white-thatched head. "Tain't you, son. It's them ancestors of your'n. The curse of the Braddocks, you know. Folks don't want to get mixed up with it."

Tom managed to keep from smiling. "Curse? Don't tell me people still believe in that sort of thing! What curse?"

"Why, don't you know, son? That first ancestor of your'n old Black Bart Braddock, was a pirate. He killed thousands of innocent folks—made them walk the plank, and everything—and got himself a big pile of gold. Came out here and built that there stone house, he did."

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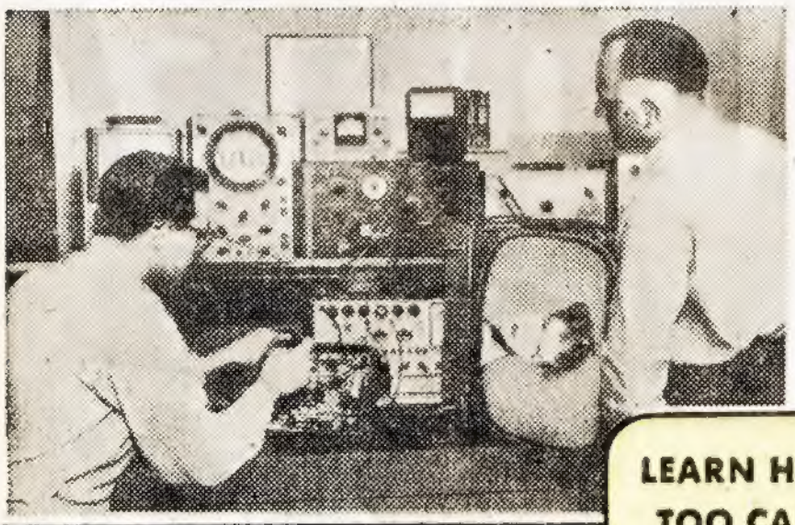

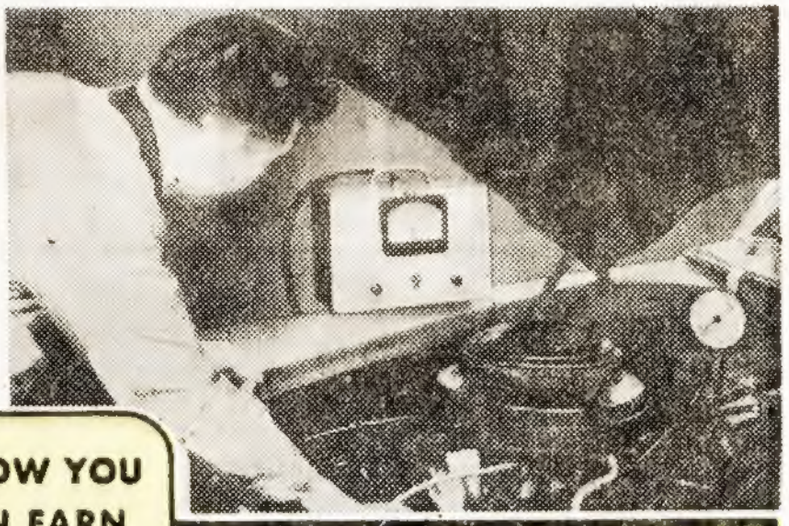

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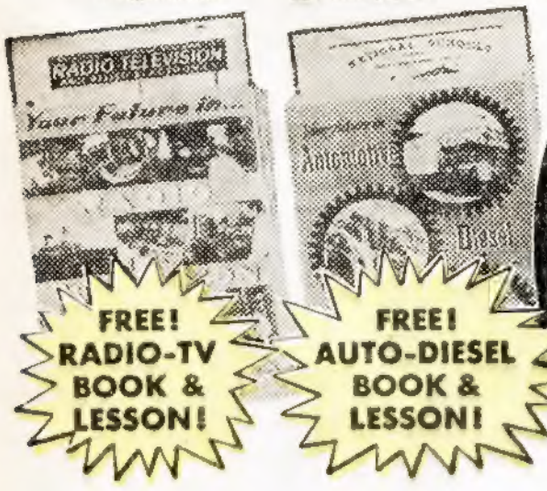

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LET'S TAKE A TRIP BEHIND THE BAMBOO CURTAIN AND SIT IN ON THIS MEETING WITH THE RED BULLIES! THEY'VE GOT A TERRIFIC PLOT IN THE WORKS... *THEY* THINK! BUT THE CREEPS ARE DUE FOR A SHOCK!

MAN ALONE!

A SPINE-TINGLING *JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY!*

MAN IS A SOCIAL ANIMAL WHO HATES A SOLITARY LIFE! BUT WAR IGNORES MAN AND MAN'S NEEDS! WAR SHAPES MEN TO SUIT ITS *OWN* ENDS! IN THE FIRES OF WAR, MEN TURN INTO BEASTS... AND KILLERS!

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IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHINESE RED SECRET POLICE, A YELLOW FINGER POINTS TO A SPOT ON THE MAP...

LAIGUO! THAT'S WHERE WE'VE GOT TO PLACE AN OPERATIVE! RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF TOWN WHERE HE CAN OBSERVE EVERYTHING!

KOREA

LAIGUO

THERE'S AN IDIOT LIVING IN A SHACK IN THE CENTER OF LAIGUO... NAME OF GOW TUH! NOBODY TALKS TO HIM... NOBODY BOTHERS HIM... IN OTHER WORDS, THE PERFECT UNDERCOVER AGENT!

BUT HOW CAN YOU TRAIN AN *IDIOT* TO BE A SECRET AGENT?

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YOU CAN'T! YOU KILL HIM! THEN YOU GET SOMEBODY ELSE TO TAKE HIS PLACE, WHO ISN'T AN IDIOT!
WE'VE GOT THE MAN PICKED OUT! HE RESEMBLES THE VILLAGE IDIOT PERFECTLY!
BUT WE MUST CONDITION HIS MENTALITY TO ACCEPT THIS STRANGE, LONELY OPERATION! IT WILL TAKE A LITTLE TIME, BUT WE HAVE A HEAD START! THE MAN IS A HERMIT WHO'S BEEN LIVING ALONE IN THE MOUNTAINS FOR TWENTY YEARS!
THE FOLLOWING DAY IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTH KOREA...
WE NEED A MAN WHO IS USED TO SOLITUDE TO BEGIN WITH! AFTER ALL, NOBODY MAKES FRIENDS WITH AN IDIOT! EVERYBODY AVOIDS HIM!
WHICH IS ALL TO OUR BENEFIT ... TO HAVE AN AGENT NOBODY WILL HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH!
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ASSIGNMENT, MY FRIEND! YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO DO OUR CAUSE A GREAT SERVICE!
BUT I WANT TO LIVE ONLY THE LIFE OF THE MIND AND THE SPIRIT! I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH WAR!
WHO CARES WHAT YOU WANT! IT'S THE STATE THAT MATTERS! YOU WILL DO EXACTLY AS WE SAY OR WE'LL PUT A BULLET THROUGH YOUR HEAD!
YOU MAKE MY POSITION VERY CLEAR! WHAT IS YOUR WISH?
A WEEK LATER, HUSU KO, THE HERMIT, IS SUBJECTED TO ALL THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL STRESSES OF CONVERSION INTO GOW TUH, THE IDIOT...
BUT THIS COMPOSITION IS IMPOSSIBLE! YOU'VE MADE A DOZEN MISTAKES! YOU MUST MASTER THE IDIOT'S DIALECT OR ALL IS LOST!
SORRY... I WILL TRY AGAIN!
PEBBLES ARE PUT INTO HUSU KO'S MOUTH TO MAKE HIM STAMMER...
(GASP!) I - I CAN'T! I CAN'T D-DO IT!
YOU MUST! WE CAN'T HAVE AN IDIOT TALK LIKE A CULTURED MAN OF THE WORLD! HERE ARE MORE PEBBLES! KEEP THEM UNDER YOUR TONGUE!
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MONTHS PASS, AS HUSU KO'S TRAINING GOES ON! HUSU KO IS TAUGHT NOT ONLY TO THINK AND SPEAK LIKE AN IDIOT, BUT ALSO TO WALK LIKE ONE...
STAGGER MORE! YOU DON'T STAGGER ENOUGH!
PUT YOURSELF IN THE IDIOT'S FRAME OF MIND!
DAY AFTER DAY, THE TRAINING GOES ON RELENTLESSLY...
DROOL MORE! DROOL!
YOU DON'T LOOK INSANE ENOUGH! WEAR AN IDIOTIC GRIN!
YOU LOOK TOO CLEAR-EYED! GLAZE YOUR EYES! GLAZE THEM!
SCREAM! SCREAM! AN IDIOT MUST KNOW HOW TO SCREAM!
FINALLY, THE DAY ARRIVES...
THE JOB IS DONE! HUSU KO IS FULLY TRAINED! WHAT DO YOU THINK, SIR?
HMMM... BRING HIS FACE CLOSER! I'LL COMPARE IT WITH GOW TUH'S PHOTOGRAPH!
EXCELLENT! I CANNOT TELL THEM APART MYSELF!
NOW FOR THE NEXT STEP! WE'LL PARACHUTE INTO LAIGUO, VISIT THE IDIOT IN HIS SHACK, KILL HIM, AND PUT HUSU KO IN HIS PLACE!
GOOD! WE CAN LEAVE TONIGHT!
AN HOUR LATER, OVER LAIGUO...
REMEMBER YOUR DUTIES, HUSU KO! YOU ARE OUR AGENT! YOU WILL SEND US INFORMATION, MILITARY SECRETS, AID ANY MIG PILOTS WHO ARE SHOT DOWN!
HUSU KO WILL DO FINE, SIR! HE IS COMPLETELY IN THE VEIN! THIS WILL BE THE MOST BRILLIANT PIECE OF ESPIONAGE IN OUR HISTORY!
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A HALF-HOUR LATER, THE REDS SNEAK INTO THE SLEEPING SOUTH KOREAN TOWN...
THAT'S GOW TUH'S HOUSE!
GOOD! BREAK INTO IT SILENTLY, OPEN THE FRONT DOOR AND LET US IN!
THE IDIOT SLEEPS!
THE EASIER TO MURDER HIM! SILENTLY NOW ... ALL TOGETHER! COVER HIS HEAD WITH THE BLANKET TO SMOTHER ANY OUTCRY!
ALL RIGHT! TOGETHER ... STRIKE!
DEAD! WE'LL BURY THE IDIOT HERE... UNDER THE FLOOR BOARDS! RIP THEM OUT!
A HALF-HOUR LATER...
EVERYTHING IS DONE, HUSU KO! YOU HAVE ALL THE EQUIPMENT YOU NEED! RADIO, CODE BOOKS, MONEY, WEAPONS! WE EXPECT A SUPERLATIVE JOB FROM YOU! LAIGUO IS SMALL, BUT IT IS AT THE CROSSROADS OF ENEMY OPERATIONS!
YES, SIR!
TIME PASSES... BUT INSTEAD OF GOOD RESULTS, THINGS GO WRONG! THE INFORMATION SENT OUT BY HUSU KO LEADS TO TRAPS AND DISASTERS...
GET BACK! (GASP!) IT'S AN AMBUSH! WE'VE BEEN TRICKED!
MIG PILOTS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE ENTERED HUSU KO'S COTTAGE...
A WARM FIRE! FOOD!
BUT THE DOOR CLOSED BEHIND THEM FOREVER!
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THE RED CHIEF, HIS AIDE, AND THE TWO PSYCHIATRISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR HUSU KO'S TRAINING, WASTE NO TIME RETURNING TO LAIGUO...

SOMETHING'S GONE ***WRONG!*** HUSU KO WON'T ANSWER OUR RADIO INQUIRIES!

HE'LL ANSWER TO US... IN ***PERSON!***

A HALF-HOUR LATER, IN HUSU KO'S COTTAGE...

WHAT'S GOING ON, HUSU KO? WE'VE GOTTEN THE ***OPPOSITE*** OF THE RESULTS WE WANTED!

IT'S EASILY EXPLAINED, SIR! SIT DOWN... EAT... DRINK! I'LL TELL YOU ALL!

TOK-!

AS THE FOUR GUESTS EAT AND DRINK...

(GASP!) THE FOOD! IT'S ***POISONED!***

NO! ***DRUGGED!*** I WANT YOU AS DOCILE AS LAMBS!

AS THE DRUGGED REDS ARE REVIVED...

YOU ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MIG PILOTS WHO CAME TO MY COTTAGE! ***HEE! HEE!*** ***THERE THEY ARE!*** PEACEFULLY SLEEPING UNDER THE FLOOR BOARDS AS ***YOU*** SOON WILL BE!

(GASP!) H-HE ***MURDERED*** THEM!

PARDON, SIR... I DON'T ***KNOW*** ANY BETTER! ***HEE!*** ***HEE!*** AM I NOT THE ***VILLAGE IDIOT?*** IS AN ***IDIOT*** RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS?

(GASP!) N-***NO!*** ***NO! STAY AWAY!***

SORRY! I AM AN ***IDIOT!*** I ***HEAR*** NOTHING! ***SEE*** NOTHING! ***HEE! HEE!*** AS THE COMMANDING OFFICER, IT'S ***YOUR*** PRIVILEGE TO HAVE ***YOUR*** THROAT CUT FIRST!

(GASP!) HE'S ***BETRAYED*** US!

NO! NO!

HUSU KO DOESN'T KNOW ***WHAT*** HE'S DOING! (GASP!) ***WE TRAINED HIM TOO WELL!*** HUSU KO IS NOW ACTUALLY AN ***IDIOT HIMSELF!***

HOW HUSU KO LAUGHED! HOW ***HE*** ENJOYED HIS MAD JOKE! FOR A ***LUNATIC*** DWELLS ONLY IN HIS ***OWN*** CRAZY WORLD! THE HERMIT HUSU KO WAS NOW INDEED ***A MAN ALONE!***

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Now! The Amazing Facts about

BALDNESS

...AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

The following facts are brought to the attention of the public because of a widespread belief that nothing can be done about hair loss. This belief has no basis in medical fact. Worse, it has condemned many men and women to needless baldness by their neglect to treat certain accepted causes of hair loss.

There are six principal types of hair loss, or *alopecia*, as it is known in medical terms:

1. Alopecia from diseases of the scalp
2. Alopecia from other diseases or from an improper functioning of the body
3. Alopecia of the aged (senile baldness)
4. Alopecia areata (loss of hair in patches)
5. Alopecia of the young (premature baldness)
6. Alopecia at birth (congenital baldness)

Senile, premature and congenital alopecia cannot be helped by anything now known to modern science. Alopecia from improper functioning of the body requires the advice and treatment of your family physician.

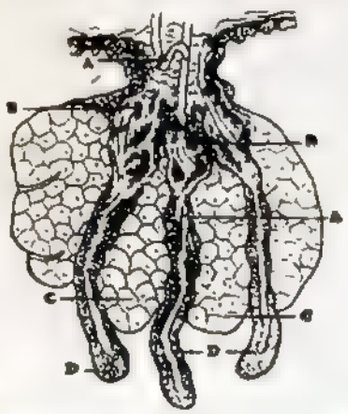
BUT MANY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE A SPECIFIC SCALP DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HAIR LOSS.

This disease is called Seborrhea and can be broadly classified into two clinical forms with the following symptoms:

1. *DRY SEBORRHEA:* The hair is dry, lifeless, and without gloss. A dry flaky dandruff is usually present with accompanying itchiness. Hair loss is considerable and increases with the progress of this disease.

2. *OILY SEBORRHEA:* The hair and scalp are oily and greasy. The hair is slightly sticky to the touch and has a tendency to mat together. Dandruff takes the form of head scales. Scalp is usually itchy. Hair loss is severe with baldness as the end result.

Many doctors agree that to NEGLECT these symptoms of DRY and OILY SEBORRHEA is to INVITE BALDNESS.



DESTRUCTION OF HAIR FOLLICLES
Caused By Seborrhea
A — Dead hairs; B — Hair-destroying bacteria; C — Hypertrophied sebaceous glands; D — Atrophic follicles

Seborrhea is believed to be caused by three germ organisms — staphylococcus albus, pityrosporum ovale, and acnes bacillus.

These germs attack the sebaceous gland causing an abnormal working of this fat gland. The hair follicle, completely surrounded by the enlarged diseased sebaceous gland, then begins to atrophy. The hair produced becomes smaller and smaller until the hair follicle dies. Baldness is the inevitable result. (See illustration.)

But seborrhea can be controlled, particularly in its early stages. The three germ organisms believed to cause seborrhea, can and should be eliminated before they destroy your normal hair growth.

A post-war development, Comate Medicinal Formula kills these three germ organisms on contact. Proof of Comate's germ-killing properties has been demonstrated in laboratory tests recently conducted by one of the leading testing laboratories in America. (Complete report on file and copies are available on request.)

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You may safely follow the example of thousands who first were skeptical, then curious, and finally decided to avail themselves of Comate Medicinal Formula.

A Few of the Many Grateful Expressions By Users of Comate Medicinal Formula

"My hair was coming out for years and I tried everything. Nothing stopped it until I tried Comate. Now my hair has stopped coming out. It looks so much thicker. My friends have noticed my hair and they all say it looks so much better." —Mrs. R.E.J., Stevenson, Ala.

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"What about the curse?"

"I'm coming to it. All folks really know is that he disappeared one night, and so did his son, and his son. Folks say it's in punishment for all the terrible things Black Bart did. They also say there's gold hidden in that house — pirate gold. And that anyone who goes looking for it will come under the curse."

Tom's amusement vanished.

"Pirate treasure, you say? Well, that's different! I don't believe those fairy tales about pirate curses, but I sure would like my share of old Grandpa Bart's loot!"

The old storekeeper looked frightened. "Shouldn't talk that way, son. Might be letting yourself in for a peck of trouble—"

"Oh, shut up, you doddering old fool," Tom snapped, impatient to be back at his house and looking for the treasure. "Look, I need some servants. Know anybody in town who'd—"

"Sorry, Mr. Braddock," the old storekeeper answered primly. "Don't think anyone in this town would go near the Braddock mansion. You'll have to go to another town where they don't know of you."

Baffled, Tom was forced to return home alone. Mr. Watson was right — no one wanted to work in the Braddock house.

"Ignorant country bumpkins," Tom muttered angrily as he strode into the stone building. "Guess I will have to go to another town for servants. Well, that's not important. What is important is Black Bart's treasure!"

Sitting in the kitchen, he mapped out a plan of action. "Best thing to do," he told himself, "is to start at the top of the house and work down."

For what seemed like endless hours, Tom Braddock explored the house of his ancestors. He started up in the dust-filled attic, then went through all the empty bedrooms.

It was dark when he arrived back in the kitchen, covered with dust and dead tired. Wearily, he prepared supper for himself.

"It's got to be somewhere," he mumbled as he ate. "Where else can I look?"

Then he noticed the heavy door set in the wall of the kitchen. Forgetting his supper, he strode over to it and flung it open. A flight of stone stairs led down into blackness.

"Might be rats down there," he whispered uneasily. "But I can't give up now. The treasure must be buried in the cellar."

He found a candle, lit it, and started carefully down the stone steps. Tom was surprised at the number of steps, but finally he reached the bottom. He found himself on a stone floor before the door of a tremendous vault.

As he reached out to open it, a voice within him seemed to warn him back, warn him not to enter—but Tom shrugged it off, eager for the gold. He pushed open the door and entered the vault.

The inside of the vault was dank and misty. In the flickering light of the candle, Tom made out a large iron chest, piled high with gold and jewels. Then the door slammed shut behind him, and the candle blew out.

Tom turned to the door and tried to open it, but it was shut tight. Suddenly, he was aware of rustling noises behind him, and he whirled, terrified.

Before him were dozens of luminous, ghostly figures. Tom screamed, and the ghostly shapes began to laugh crazily.

"Welcome to the vault of the Braddocks!" shouted one. "I'm old Black Bart Braddock and I'm glad to meet another member of my accursed family!"

"And I'm your uncle Mathias. Welcome, nephew!" shrieked another.

"But you're all dead, and I'm alive!" Tom yelled at them.

Black Bart laughed again. "Not for long, m'boy. You'll be as dead as the rest of us when the air gives out! Then you, us, and the rats will be together forever!"

The last thing Tom Braddock heard in his life was the sound of Black Bart's ghostly laughter.

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HMM... THOSE REDS SURE GOT THE POINT AND FROM THE POINT OF A NEEDLE COMES THIS YOUTH-RESTORING SERUM. BUT THE DOC SHOULD'VE BEEN MORE CAREFUL WHOM HE PICKED FOR HIS EXPERIMENT.

THE MAN WHO WASN'T

DR. WRIGHT, IF YOUR SERUM WORKS AS YOU CLAIM IT SHOULD, THESE OLD PEOPLE WILL LOOK UPON YOU AS THEIR SAVIOR!
I WANTED A REAL CHALLENGE FOR MY YOUTH-RESTORING SERUM! THAT'S WHY I CAME TO THIS HOME FOR THE AGED! I WANT TO TEST IT ON YOUR OLDEST INMATE!
A SPINE-TINGLING JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY!
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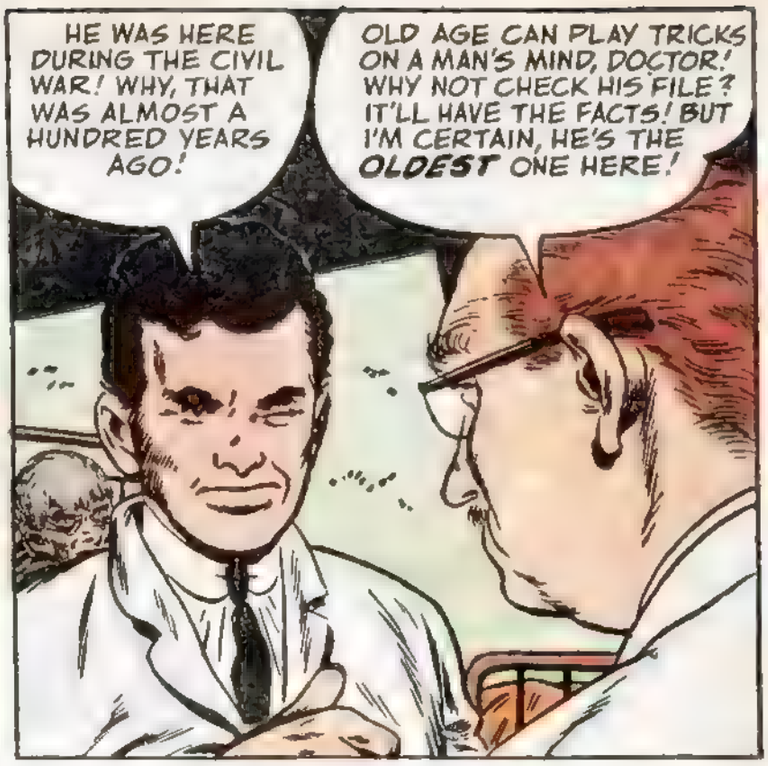
bill walton

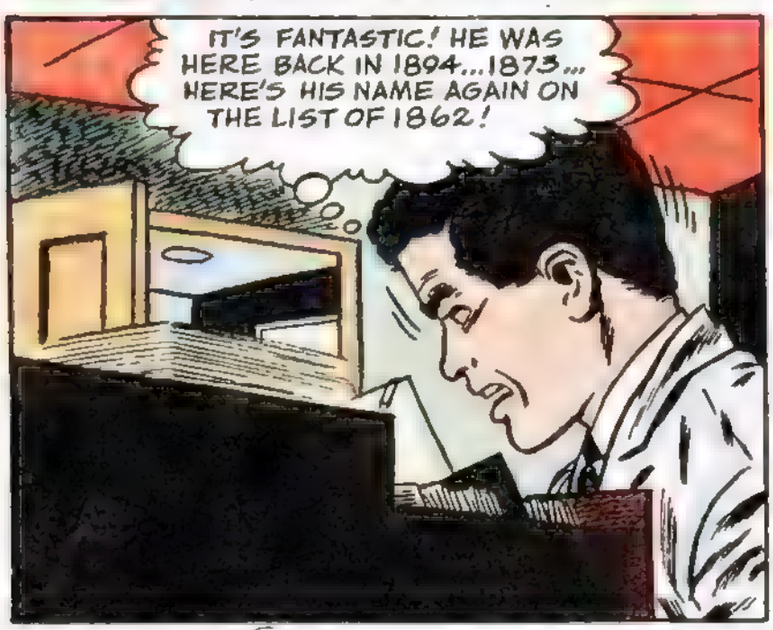
IN A CORNER OF THE DORMITORY, THE ATTENDANT POINTS TO A WRINKLED, WITHERED OLD MAN, WHOSE SUNKEN FEATURES AND BENT BODY SPEAK OF TIME ALMOST BEYOND MEMORY...

ADAM, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE YOUNG AGAIN! AN INJECTION OF THIS SERUM MIGHT DO THE TRICK! ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE!
NO! I DON'T WANT TO BE YOUNG AGAIN! TOO MANY RESPONSIBILITIES IN BEING YOUNG... TOO MUCH LIFE BEFORE YOU TO BE LIVED AGAIN! I WON'T BE INJECTED!

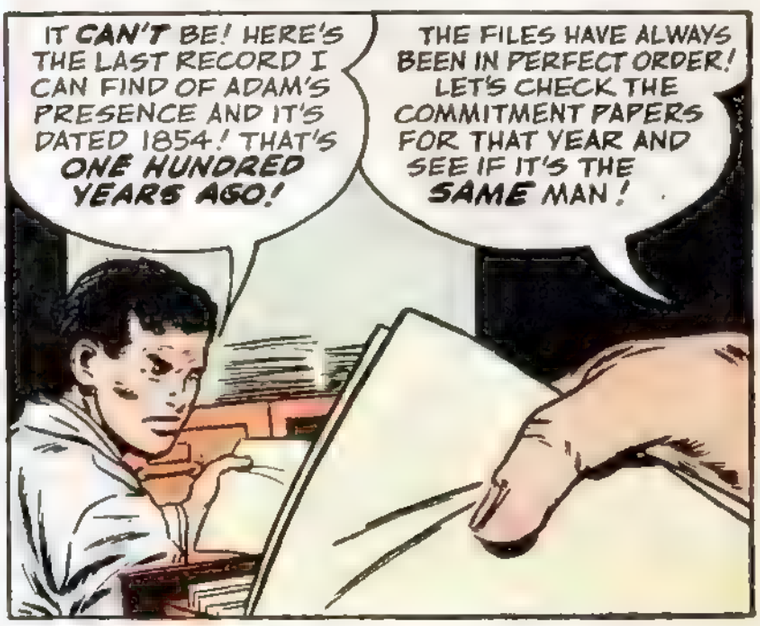
ALL RIGHT, ADAM, I DON'T WANT TO FORCE YOU TO DO ANYTHING! BUT JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I-I DON'T KNOW... I REMEMBER THINGS FROM SO LONG AGO.. THE CIVIL WAR... I WAS HERE THEN!


HE WAS HERE DURING THE CIVIL WAR! WHY, THAT WAS ALMOST A HUNDRED YEARS AGO!
OLD AGE CAN PLAY TRICKS ON A MAN'S MIND, DOCTOR! WHY NOT CHECK HIS FILE? IT'LL HAVE THE FACTS! BUT I'M CERTAIN, HE'S THE OLDEST ONE HERE!

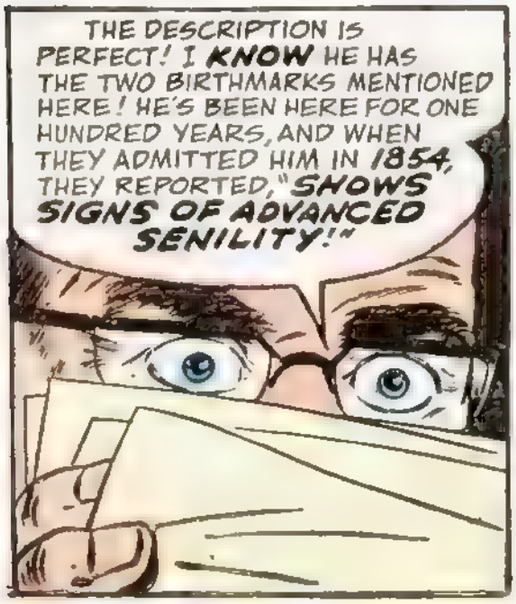
AT FIRST, DR. WRIGHT THUMBS CASUALLY THROUGH THE ATTENDANCE RECORDS FOR THE HOME, BUT AS THE YELLOWED PAPERS DATE FURTHER BACK, HE GAPES INCREDULOUSLY...



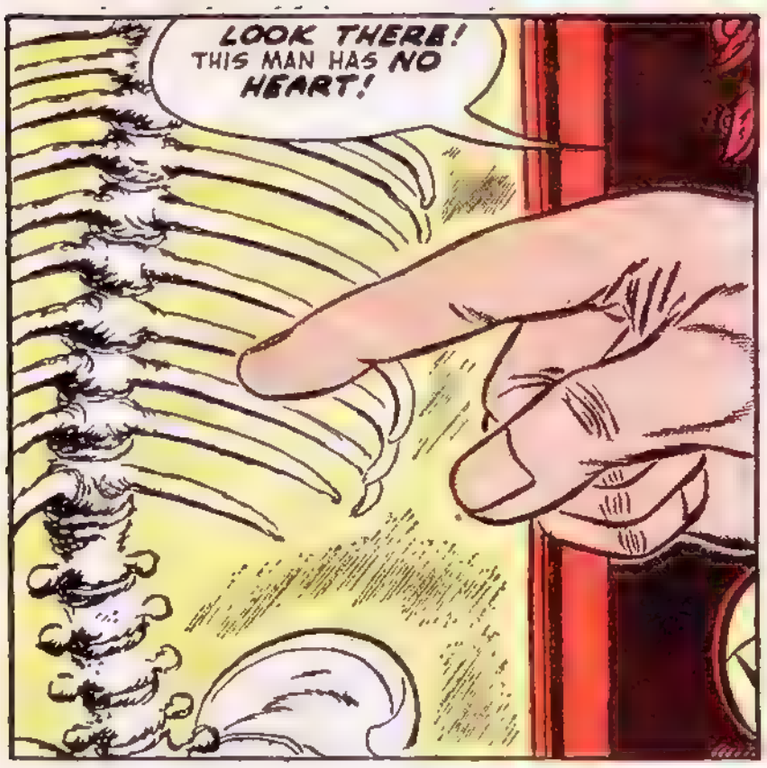
THE HANDWRITING AND THE DATES CHANGE ON THE DISCOLORED PAPERS, BUT ONE THING PERSISTS... ADAM'S NAME IS ON THEM ALL, UNTIL FINALLY...

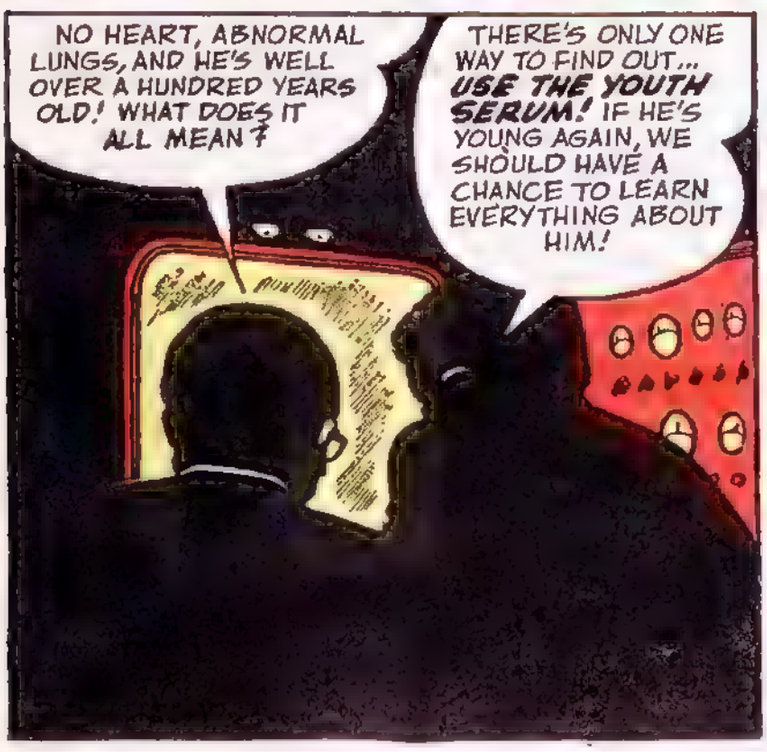

IT CAN'T BE! HERE'S THE LAST RECORD I CAN FIND OF ADAM'S PRESENCE AND IT'S DATED 1854! THAT'S ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO!
THE FILES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN PERFECT ORDER! LET'S CHECK THE COMMITMENT PAPERS FOR THAT YEAR AND SEE IF IT'S THE SAME MAN!

AND AS THE ATTENDANT LOOKS AT THE TATTERED COMMITMENT PAPER OF AUGUST 13, 1854, HE CAN ONLY COME TO ONE CONFOUNDING CONCLUSION...

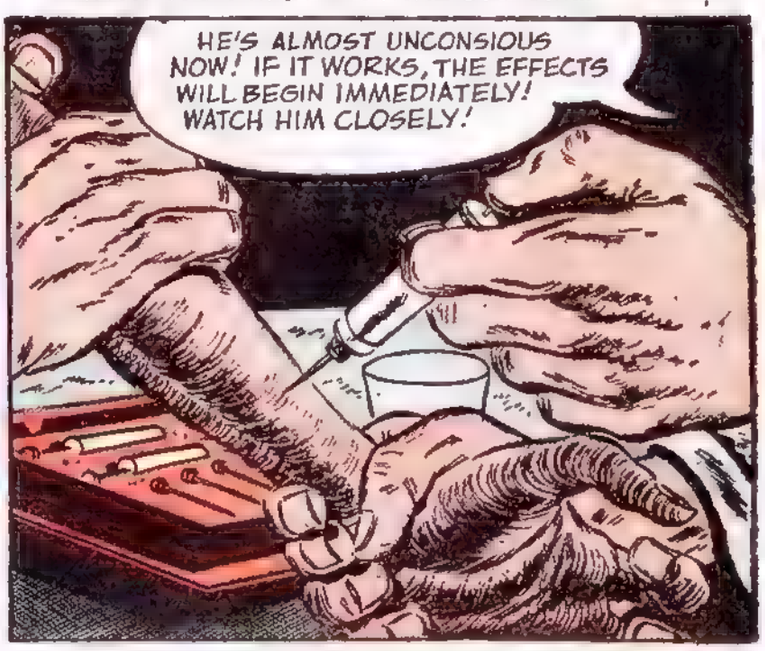

THE DESCRIPTION IS PERFECT! I KNOW HE HAS THE TWO BIRTHMARKS MENTIONED HERE! HE'S BEEN HERE FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS, AND WHEN THEY ADMITTED HIM IN 1854, THEY REPORTED, "SHOWS SIGNS OF ADVANCED SENILITY!"

BUT CURIOSITY GETS THE BETTER OF DR. WRIGHT AND ADAM IS LED TO THE EXAMINING ROOM! THE FLUOROSCOPE FLICKERS IT'S EERIE LIGHT, AS DR. WRIGHT STARES UNBELIEVING...



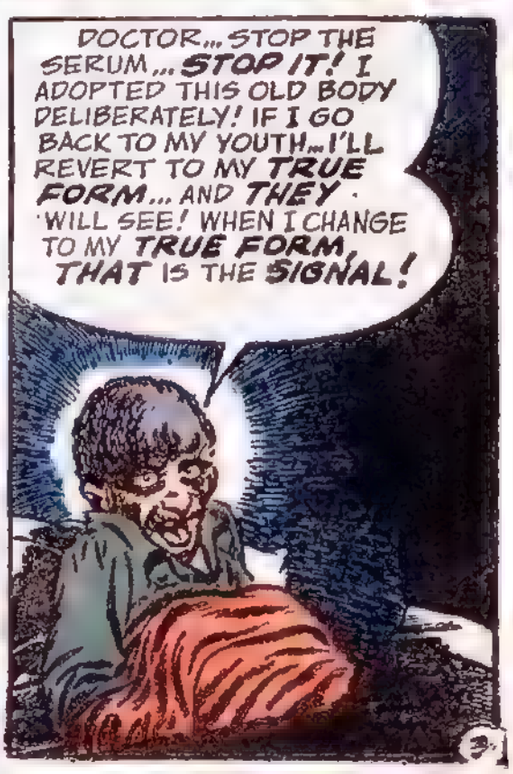

NO HEART, ABNORMAL LUNGS, AND HE'S WELL OVER A HUNDRED YEARS OLD! WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT... USE THE YOUTH SERUM! IF HE'S YOUNG AGAIN, WE SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM!

As the attendant holds the feebly protesting old man, Dr. Wright injects him with the experimental serum...



Suddenly, before their concentrated gaze, the wrinkled face begins to change! The deep lines slowly vanish, a flush of vitality creeps across the once blanched skin...

With each passing second, the magical change becomes more apparent, as gray, lifeless hairs regain their color...


DOCTOR... STOP THE SERUM... STOP IT! I ADOPTED THIS OLD BODY DELIBERATELY! IF I GO BACK TO MY YOUTH... I'LL REVERT TO MY TRUE FORM... AND THEY WILL SEE! WHEN I CHANGE TO MY TRUE FORM, THAT IS THE SIGNAL!

DON'T LET ME CHANGE BACK! IT'S THE SIGNAL!

DOCTOR, JUST LISTENING TO HIM GIVES ME THE CREEPS! WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

NOTHING! A PERFECTLY NORMAL REACTION... HE'S DELIRIOUS!

AGAIN AND AGAIN IN A HALF SOBBING WHISPER, ADAM BEGS THEM TO STOP...

I CAN FEEL IT... I'M CHANGING BACK TO MY TRUE FORM... I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT YOU THEN... STOP THE SERUM... BEFORE...TOO LATE...

LOOK! THE SERUM WORKS! HE *IS* YOUNG AGAIN! ***IT WORKS!***

BUT SUDDENLY, BEFORE THEIR TERRIFIED EYES, THE SEEMINGLY NORMAL YOUNG MAN BEGINS TO TURN TO A LURID GREEN, AND HIS ONCE OUTWARDLY HUMAN BODY CHANGES INTO SOME GROTESQUE MONSTERISH FORM!

AND THEN, THERE IS NO LONGER EVEN THE SLIGHTEST SEMBLANCE OF SOMETHING HUMAN! BEFORE THEM REARS A FRIGHTFUL CREATURE FROM SOME NIGHTMARE WORLD!

NO! IT MUST BE SOME MAD HALLUCINATION!

SUDDENLY, OUTSIDE, A DAZZLING FLASH OF LIGHT IS SEEN, AS A WEIRD CRAFT JETS INTO VIEW...

D-DOCTOR... LOOK!

AND INSIDE THE ALIEN SHIP, A STRANGE PLANETARY CREATURE LOOKS AT A VIEWSCREEN WHOSE SCANNER BEAM PENETRATES ALL WALLS...

AFTER ALL THIS TIME, OUR AGENT HAS FINALLY ABANDONED HIS EARTHLY DISGUISE AND REVERTED TO HIS ***TRUE*** SELF! ***THAT*** IS THE ***FINAL SIGNAL!***

YES! TELL ALL THE OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING... ***NOW*** WE ***KNOW*** WE CAN SAFELY LAND AND ***CONQUER EARTH!***

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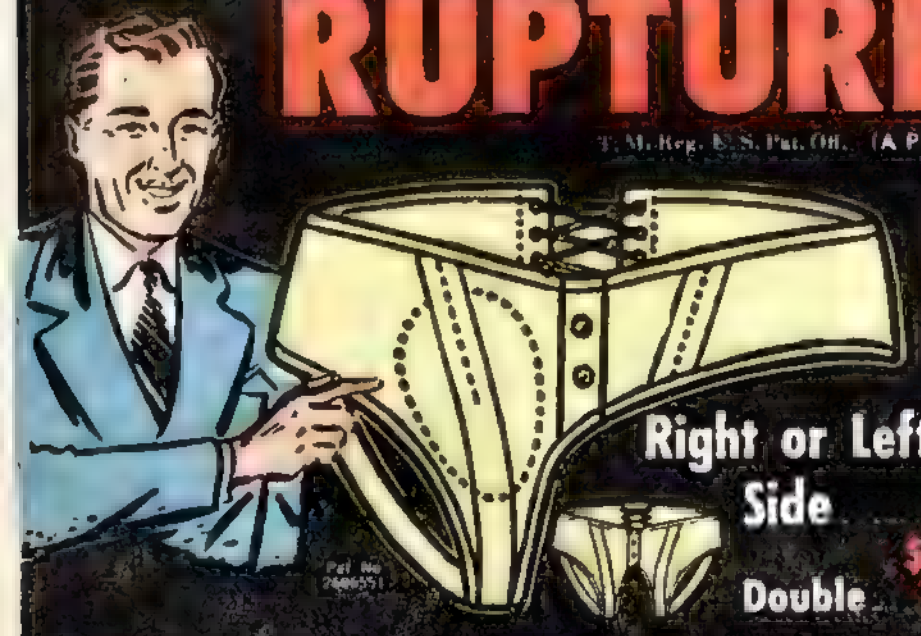

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THE VULTURES

YOU'VE LIVED LONG ENOUGH, YOU OLD GOAT!

DIE, YOU OLD FOOL! DIE AND LEAVE US YOUR MONEY!

YES..DIE! DIE!

NO, FATHER! DON'T GO...HANG ON! PLEASE, FATHER... LIVE!

I'VE LIVED FOR OVER 90 YEARS! THAT'S A BLESSING TO ME...AND A MISFORTUNE TO MY CHILDREN! THEY LOOK UPON ME WITH ACCUSING EYES AS IF I WERE A THIEF..BECAUSE EVERY DAY THAT I LIVE, I CHEAT THEM OUT OF ANOTHER DAY OF ENJOYING THE MONEY WHICH I LEAVE BEHIND! LIKE VULTURES HOVERING OVER A DESERT CARRION, THEY HOVER AROUND ME...WAITING FOR ME TO DIE!

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THEY'RE ALL VULTURES...ALL EXCEPT MY DAUGHTER MARGIE! SHE IS THE SPARROW AMONG THE VULTURES! AND THEY HATE HER ALMOST AS MUCH AS THEY HATE ME...

HERE'S YOUR SHERRY, FATHER!

THANK YOU, MARGIE! NOW SIT HERE BESIDE ME AND READ TO ME!

LOOK AT HER! INSTEAD OF LETTING THE OLD MAN DO THINGS FOR HIMSELF SO THAT HE'LL GET WEAK...SHE WAITS ON HIM!

OUR DEAR STEPSISTER DOESN'T FOOL ME! SHE'S AS ANXIOUS TO SEE HIM DEAD AS **WE** ARE! BY BEING NICE SHE FIGURES HE'LL LEAVE HER **MORE** IN THE WILL WHEN HE DIES!

YEAH... **WHEN!** I SAY WE'RE FOOLS FOR WAITING ANY LONGER! LET'S **MAKE** HIM DIE!

WE'VE TRIED THAT... MANY TIMES! BUT HE'S ALWAYS FOILED OUR ATTEMPTS TO KILL HIM! REMEMBER THE TIME I PUSHED THE BROKEN CORNICE OFF THE ROOF?

"HE WOULD HAVE WALKED RIGHT UNDER IT... BUT SOMEHOW HE STUMBLED, AND..."

IT MISSED HIM!

"AND THEN THERE WAS THE TIME HARRY POISONED HIS SHERRY... AND THE OLD MAN FED IT TO THE CAT THAT NIGHT..."

CAESAR! WHAT'S THE MATTER? DON'T YOU LIKE THE WINE OR... GREAT SCOTT! HE'S DEAD!

YES, EACH OF MY THREE STEPSONS... TEMPTED BY THE SIZE OF MY FORTUNE AND PUSHED BY THE IMPATIENCE OF YOUTH, HAS ATTEMPTED TO KILL ME...

WHAT IN BLAZES ARE YOU THREE VULTURES BUZZING ABOUT OVER THERE? PLANNING ANOTHER WAY TO GET RID OF ME?

HUH? OH, NO, SIR! WE... ER... WE WERE COMMENTING ON HOW WELL YOU LOOK TONIGHT!

YOU SEE, IT'S AS I'VE SAID... IT'S ABSOLUTELY UNCANNY! THE OLD MAN HAS EYES AND EARS THAT MISS NOTHING!

AND I WON'T MISS THIS TIME, EITHER! I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER! I NEED MONEY DESPERATELY! TONIGHT I'LL GET RID OF THE OLD GOAT... ***WITHOUT FAIL!***

MY OLDEST VULTURE IS INDEED DESPERATE! AT NIGHT HE COMES SNEAKING INTO MY BEDROOM LIKE A BLACK SPIDER... AND HIS FANG IS A KNIFE...

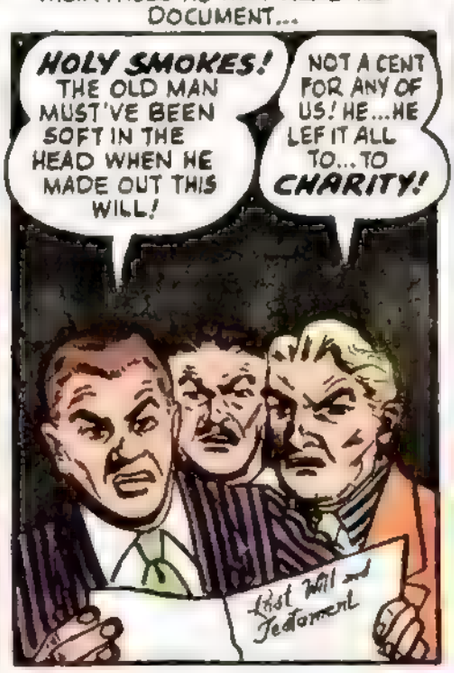
HE STANDS OVER ME! MY OPENED EYES STARE AT HIS FACE AS HATE, GREED AND FEAR TWIST IT INTO A MASK OF HORROR!

BUT HIS UGLY REFLECTION IN MY GLASSY EYES STOPS HIS MURDEROUS PLUNGE!

GREAT SCOTT! HE... HE'S ALREADY DEAD!

YES, I'VE FINALLY OBLIGED THEM BY DYING! AND FROM THE PLACE WHERE THE DEAD GO, I WATCH MY THREE SONS AS THEY RANSACK MY DESK! SUCH IMPATIENCE...

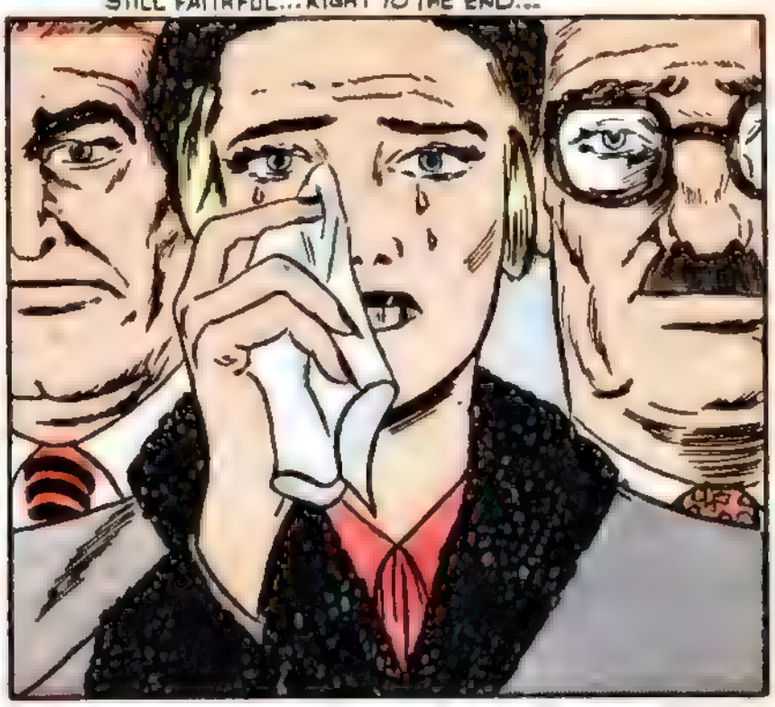
AH-HA! OBSERVE THE DISAPPOINTMENT... THE DISBELIEF UGLYING THEIR FACES AS THEY READ THE DOCUMENT...


HOLY SMOKES! THE OLD MAN MUST'VE BEEN SOFT IN THE HEAD WHEN HE MADE OUT THIS WILL!
NOT A CENT FOR ANY OF US! HE... HE LEF IT ALL TO... TO CHARITY!
Last Will and Testament

WHEN MARGIE ARRIVES, AND THEY TELL ABOUT THE WILL, SHE COMES TO MY SIDE AND WHISPERS TO ME VERY SOFTLY... AND I KNOW SHE APPROVES...

THEN COMES MY FUNERAL! IT'S QUITE AN IMPRESSIVE PROCESSION! EVERYBODY IS THERE... EVERYBODY EXCEPT MY THREE VULTURE STEPSONS...

BUT MARGIE IS THERE... BLESS HER HEART! STILL CRYING... STILL FAITHFUL... RIGHT TO THE END...



TWO DAYS LATER, MY ATTORNEY CALLS ALL MY CHILDREN AND ASKS THEM TO ATTEND THE READING OF MY WILL...

WE'VE ALREADY READ IT... AND WE THINK THAT THE OLD GOAT WAS DRUNK WHEN HE MADE IT OUT! WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT IT! WE'LL PROVE THE OLD MAN WAS CRAZY!
PLEASE, CARL... PLEASE LET ME FINISH!

THE WILL YOU FOUND IN HIS DESK IS NO GOOD! HE LEFT A MORE RECENT WILL WITH US... AND THAT IS THE LEGAL WILL!
HUH? WELL, WHY IN BLAZES DIDN'T YOU SAY SO SOONER? WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE! WE WEREN'T AT THE FUNERAL... SO THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS BE PRESENT AT THE READING OF THE WILL! HA!
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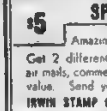

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HOPE IS BORN ANEW IN MY STEPSONS! AND THE NEWS OF THE NEW WILL EVEN BRINGS OUT A GESTURE OF KINDNESS FROM THEM...

YOU MUST BE LOSING YOUR MIND TO STOP OFF AT A TIME LIKE THIS TO PUT FLOWERS ON THE OLD MAN'S GRAVE!

WE SHOULD SHOW OUR APPRECIATION TO THE OLD BOY IN SOME WAY... AFTER ALL, HE'S GOING TO MAKE US RICH!

BESIDES, WE OWE HIM A BOUQUET... THE ONE WE *DIDN'T* BRING TO THE FUNERAL!

OKAY... OKAY... SO NOW WE'VE DONE OUR DUTY! LET'S GO HEAR THE NEWS!

THEY GET TO THE HOUSE, FULL OF THEIR USUAL IMPATIENCE... AND THEIR UNUSUAL PRAISE OF ME...

HE WASN'T A BAD OLD GUY!

YEAH! I WISH HE'D HAVE LIVED TO BE A HUNDRED!

PLEASE BE SEATED! I'M READY TO READ YOUR FATHER'S WILL!

THE THREE VULTURES ARE HAPPY... BUT BY THE LOOK ON THE FACE OF MY LITTLE SPARROW... I KNOW SHE IS DISAPPOINTED IN ME...

BUT AS THE LAWYER READS THE WORDS OF MY WILL, THE SMILE OF SATISFACTION CREEPS BACK INTO MARGIE'S FACE... MINGLED WITH SURPRISE...

... AND THAT IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THE LATE MALCOLM FLETCHER!

I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

AND NEITHER CAN MY THREE VULTURES! LOOK AT THEIR FACES... PITIFUL PORTRAITS OF DISAPPOINTMENT, SHOCK, BITTERNESS, HATE AND ANGER! AND ONCE AGAIN I AM A CRAZY OLD MAN TO THEM...

ABSOLUTELY INSANE!

THE BLASTED OLD GOAT!

WE'LL FIGHT IT! HE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN IN HIS RIGHT MIND!

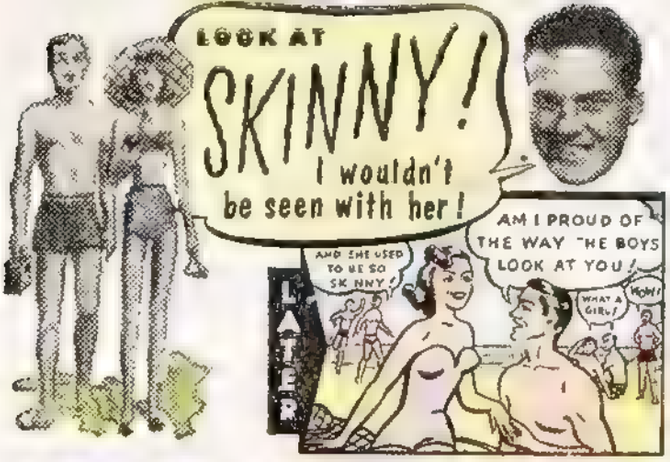
WHY ALL THE FUSS? HA! READ THE LAST LINE OF MY WILL!

...and my money and estate will be divided between those loving children of mine... WHO ATTEND MY FUNERAL.

Malcolm Fletcher

THE END

ATLAS FOR THE BEST IN WEIRD STORIES LOOK FOR THE ATLAS SEAL ON THE COVER ATLAS


LOOK AT SKINNY! I wouldn't be seen with her!
AM I PROUD OF THE WAY THE BOYS LOOK AT YOU!
AND SHE USED TO BE SO SKINNY
WOW!
WHAT A GIRL!
LATER

SKINNY

MEN ARE OFTEN ASHAMED TO STRIP FOR SPORTS OR FOR A SWIM!

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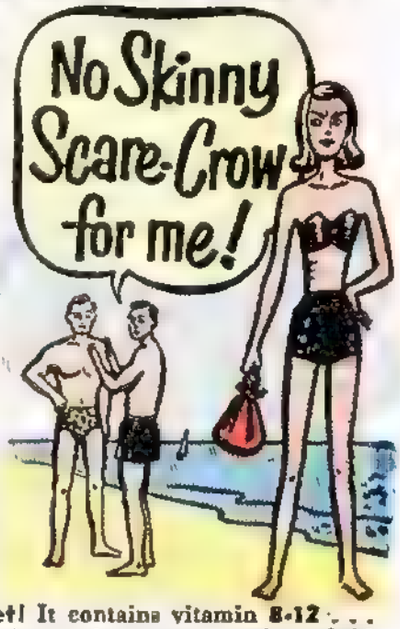

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THE QUESTION!

PAUL JESSUP WAS AN ELECTRONICS ENGINEER AND HE BUILT A MECHANICAL BRAIN THAT COULD ANSWER ANY QUESTION! BUT PAUL FOUND OUT THAT THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT ARE BEST LEFT UNANSWERED!

BRAIN, TELL ME...WHEN AM I GOING TO DIE?

THE BRAIN

A SPINE-TINGLING JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY!

Vic Carrabotta

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GOOD-BY, DARLING!

THE MEMORY OF THE KISS STAYED WITH HIM AS HE WALKED OUT OF THE HOUSE, DOWN THE PATH, TURNED AND WAVED...

I'M CRAZY ABOUT HER... LOVE HER EVEN MORE TODAY THAN FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN WE WERE MARRIED!

I GUESS SHE LIKES THE NEW HOUSE! NEXT WEEK I'LL BUY HER A FUR COAT... A DIAMOND BRACELET... ANYTHING SHE WANTS! I'M PROUD OF MY SUCCESS, OF THE MONEY IT BRINGS... SO I CAN GIVE MARIE EVERYTHING!

GOVERNMENT PROJECT

IT WAS HARD WORK, BUT IT PAID OFF! AFTER I TOOK OUT THE PATENTS ON MY MECHANICAL BRAIN AND THE GOVERNMENT BECAME INTERESTED IN IT I KNEW I WAS IN!

LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BLOW UP A STORM, MR. JESSUP!

I SURE MADE A GOOD DEAL ... THE BRAIN BUILT UNDER MY SUPERVISION, AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY BY ME AND MY ASSISTANT, DON!

PRIVATE KEEP OUT

MP

MP

I'M TAVISH, OF THE WEATHER BUREAU! A STORM IS COMING IN FROM THE COAST AND WE WANT TO KNOW WHICH WAY IT WILL HEAD! THEY TELL ME THIS MECHANICAL BRAIN CAN ANSWER THAT!

THE BRAIN CAN FORETELL EVENTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS IN THE FUTURE!

WELL, MAYBE! ALL WE GOVERNMENT BUREAU HEADS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AN ORDER TO USE THE BRAIN WHEN WE NEED IT! HAVE MANY DONE SO?

YOU ARE THE ***LAST*** BUREAU HEAD TO COME TO US! THE OTHERS COME IN WITH SO MANY QUESTIONS, THAT APPOINTMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE TO QUESTION THE BRAIN!

WHAT DO I DO NOW... JUST ASK THE QUESTION OUT LOUD?

YOU COULD DO THAT, BUT IT TAKES LONGER TO GET AN ANSWER! THE QUICKEST WAY IS FOR ONE OF US TO ***TYPE*** YOUR QUESTION AND ***FEED*** IT TO THE BRAIN, AS MY ASSISTANT IS DOING NOW!

A HUM FILLED THE ROOM! GEARS MESHED, BULBS GLOWED, IMPULSES PASSED FROM ONE AREA OF THE MECHANICAL BRAIN TO ANOTHER...

NO, IT IS AGAINST THE LAW! THE BRAIN MUST ONLY BE USED FOR *IMPORTANT* QUESTIONS BY GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL! WE NEVER BREAK THE RULE!

CAN A MAN ASK THE *BRAIN* *PERSONAL* QUESTIONS?

VVVVVVVVRRRRRROOOOMMMMMM

THE HUM CEASED AND A GRATING, METALLIC VOICE BOOMED OUT...

ANSWER! THE STORM WILL MOVE ALONG THE COAST, SWEEPING INLAND FOR 5 MILES, THEN MOVE OUT TO SEA AGAIN AT THE FLORIDA KEYS!

IT... IT'S REMARKABLE! AND IT'S WEIRD AND UNCANNY TOO!

TAVISH LEFT, SEEMINGLY ANXIOUS TO GET AWAY FROM THE MENTAL MONSTER...

I SEE WE HAVE A NEW GUARD AT THE DOOR, DON! WHERE'S CONLEY?

HIS WIFE DIED SUDDENLY, SO HE WENT HOME! WELL, OUR LITTLE PLAYMATE'S ALL YOURS FOR THE NEXT FIVE HOURS, PAUL!

THE SECRETARY OF LABOR HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE BRAIN FOR ONE O'CLOCK! SEE YOU LATER!

WIFE DIED SUDDENLY! WHAT A TERRIBLE THING FOR CONLEY!

IF *THAT* HAPPENED TO *ME* I'D GO CRAZY! I JUST COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT MARIE!

BUT IT *COULD* HAPPEN! MY WORK, MY TRIUMPH, THE MONEY ...BE WORTHLESS TO ME WITHOUT *HER* TO SHARE IT! IF I COULD LOOK INTO THE FUTURE, MAYBE I COULD KEEP IT FROM HAPPENING!

THE BRAIN COULD TELL ME, IF IT WAS TO HAPPEN SOON! BUT I SWORE A SOLEMN OATH I WOULDN'T USE IT FOR PERSONAL QUESTIONS!

BUT WHO WOULD KNOW? I BUILT IT... I HAVE SOME RIGHTS! I COULD QUESTION IT BY VOICE INSTEAD OF TYPING THE QUESTION... THEN THERE'D BE NO RECORD!

PAUL COULDN'T PUT THE THOUGHT OF MARIE'S DEATH OUT OF HIS MIND! HE BECAME TORTURED BY MENTAL IMAGES HE COULDN'T STOP...

NO

NO

NO

NO

I JUST REMEMBERED, I NEVER MADE A WILL! IF I SHOULD DIE, MARIE MIGHT HAVE A TOUGH TIME GETTING EVERYTHING!

HE STOOD THERE UNDER THIS METAL MONSTER HE HAD BUILT... HE LOOKED UP AND ASKED HIS QUESTIONS!

TWO QUESTIONS, BRAIN! WHEN WILL MY WIFE DIE? SECONDLY, WHEN WILL *I* DIE?

THE HUM FILLED HIS BRAIN... THE LIGHTS FLASHED ON AND OFF... METAL MOVED AND WIRES HUMMED...

IT WILL TAKE TIME BETWEEN EACH ANSWER! IF ***NOTHING'S*** GOING TO HAPPEN TO EITHER OF US WITHIN THE ***NEXT 24 HOURS***, THERE'LL BE NO ANSWER AT ALL!

THEN THE BRAIN SPOKE...

QUESTION 1... ANSWER! YOUR WIFE WILL DIE TONIGHT, AT MIDNIGHT... ***MURDERED!***

MURDERED? MIDNIGHT?

TEN MINUTES TO TWELVE... ***TO MIDNIGHT! MARIE MURDERED AT MIDNIGHT... IN TEN MINUTES!***

THE GUN... HERE IT IS! TEN MINUTES! I CAN MAKE IT... THE HOUSE IS JUST DOWN THE BLOCK! I CAN SAVE HER!

HE RAN PAST THE GUARDS LIKE A MADMAN... RAN DOWN THE STREET TO HIS HOUSE!

HAVEN'T HEARD A CLOCK CHIME... NOT MIDNIGHT YET ... STILL TIME...

DON, DARLING, I LOVE YOU SO! BUT WHAT ABOUT PAUL?

I'VE GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT! I'VE FOUND A SLOW POISON THAT LEAVES NO TRACE!

YOU DIRTY SKUNK! I CAN FORGIVE HER... I KNOW IT'S NOT HER FAULT... BUT I'M GOING TO *KILL YOU!*

PAUL!

NO YOU DON'T!

OHHHHH

BAM!

MARIE! MARIE!

UGHHH!

BLAM! BLAM!

SOMEWHERE A CLOCK STRUCK MIDNIGHT / PAUL LOOKED AT THE BODY OF THE WOMAN HE LOVED... THE WOMAN HE HAD MURDERED! HE WAS QUIET, LOOKING AT THE GUN IN HIS HAND...

I LOVED HER! I WOULD'VE FORGIVEN HER! I SAID I COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT HER... LIFE WOULD BE MEANINGLESS...

AND IN THE BUILDING DOWN THE BLOCK, GEARS MESHED, BULBS LIT, AND THE METALLIC VOICE CAME AGAIN...

QUESTION 2! ANSWER! PAUL JESSUP WILL DIE AT THREE MINUTES AFTER MIDNIGHT, TONIGHT... *SUICIDE!*

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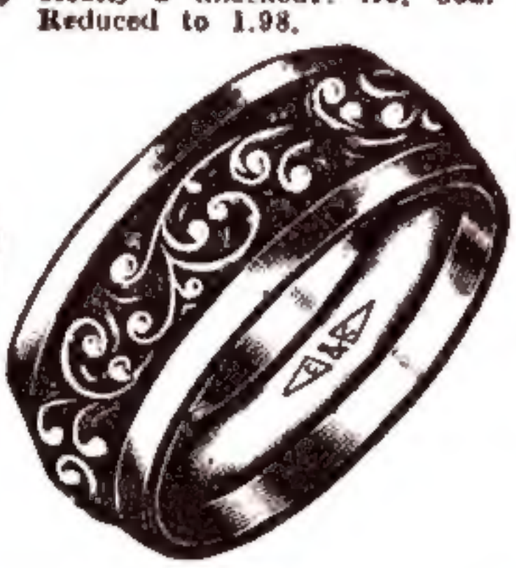

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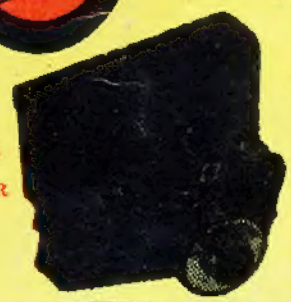

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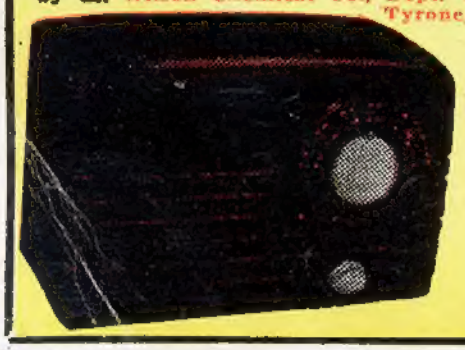

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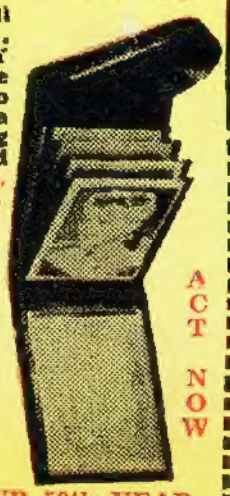

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